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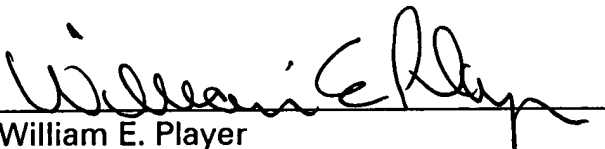
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Transmitted herewith, in the above-identified application, is an **amendment** (preliminary) and **information disclosure statement** (supplemental), including Form PTO 1449 and cited references.

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, submitted herewith is the
information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This supplemental information disclosure statement is being filed within
three months of the application filing date. Therefore, no fee is required.

In this supplemental information disclosure statement, applicants wish to
introduce two additional references for consideration by the examiner. The
references are PCT publication WO 92/06103, in the name of Imperial Chemical
Industries PLC, and PCT publication WO 93/20091, in the name of Zeneca Limited.
The relevance of each document is provided below.

WO 92/06103

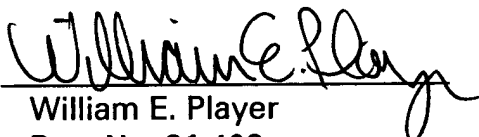
This document generally relates, in its first aspect, to a method for the synthesis of oligonucleotides in which a cleavable linker moiety is attached to a first oligonucleotide after synthesis of the latter, followed by the synthesis of a second oligonucleotide on the linker moiety. According to a second aspect of WO 92/06103, solid supports suitable for use in automated oligonucleotide synthesis are described, the general structures of which are provided at page 24 under formulae VIII and IX.

WO 93/20091

This document concerns a support carrying a homocyclic or heterocyclic ring suitable for use in oligonucleotide synthesis. Typical structures of such supports are shown in figures 1a and 1b as well as in the examples, particularly at page 18, line 15.

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